IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Care \$ Group Art Unit: 2112

Serial No.: 10/698,505 \$ Examiner: Chase, Shelly A.

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For: Method and Apparatus for \$

For: Method and Apparatus for Displaying Status of Hierarchical Operations

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0461. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is necessary, I authorize the Commissioner to charge the necessary extension fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.